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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONTINUING STRAINS IN THE MINERS FEDERATION

REF: LA PAZ 770

1. UNIONS IN SAN JOSE, HUANUNI AND COLQUIRI HAVE ACCEPTED THE 25 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE NEGOTIATED BY THE FSTMB WITH COMIBOL WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CENSURING THE FSTMB'S CONDUCT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE UNIONS AT CATAVI - SIGLO XX CONTINUE TO REJECT THE INCREASE AND TO CHALLENGE THE AUTHORITY OF VICTOR LOPEZ AND OTHER FSTMB LEADERS.

2. THE UNIONS AT COROCORO AND MILLUNI HAVE DECLARED THAT THEY WILL STRIKE IF SUPPLIES OF STAPLE FOODS ARE NOT MADE AVAILABLE IN THE MINE COMMISSARIES. SEVERAL UNIONS HAVE PROTESTED OVER SIMILAR SHORTAGES IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS. THE FSTMB TAKES THESE SHORTAGES SERIOUSLY SINCE CONTINUED PROVISION OF STAPLES AT SUBSIDIZED PRICES WAS PART OF THE SETTLEMENT WITH COMIBOL AND WITH VARIOUS PRIVATE MINING FIRMS.

3. SOURCES IN THE FSTMB REPORT THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE  
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PRESSURE FROM THE RANK AND FILE IN THE SIGLO XX UNIONS AIMED AT FORCING THE REBELLIOUS LEADERS TO SUBMIT TO THE FEDERATION.

FOUR FSTMB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS INCLUDING VICTOR LOPEZ ARE GOING TO CATAVI-SIGLO XX ON FEBRUARY 18 TO CONFRONT THE LOCAL LEADERS AND OBTAIN THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF FSTMB AUTHORITY.

4. SOURCES IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOR REPORT THAT THE MINISTRY IS TOYING WITH RECOMMENDING THE ARREST AND EXILE OF SIX OR SEVEN LEADERS FROM CATAVI - SIGLO XX SO AS TO PUT AN END TO CURRENT AGITATION IN THE MINES.

5. COMMENT: THE FSTMB LEADERSHIP REMAINS CONFIDENT IN THE FACE OF THIS SERIOUS CHALLENGE TO THE FEDERATION'S UNITY. PARADOXICALLY GOB ACTION TO EXILE REBELLIOUS LEADERS FROM SIGLO XX AND CATAVI COULD WEAKEN THE FSTMB BY MAKING IT APPEAR THAT ITS LEADERSHIP IS AN ALLY OF THE GOB.  
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